Blowing up of Mines Protective Vehicle by naxalites

†3136. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) as per information received, recently the naxalities had blown-up the Mines Protective Vehicle (MPV) of police with bomb;

(b) whether it is a fact according to the experts/technicians of the Hyderabad based factory where the said vehicle had been manufactured, vehicle had several lacunae;

(c) whether Government are going to provide the same type of vehicle again; and

(d) if not, the action being taken by Government to bring modifications in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The naxalities attacked a Mine Protected Vehicle (MPV) of the State Police in landmine blast on 3.9.2005 near Bijapur in Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh.

(b) to (d) No structural fault with regard to the design of the MPV perse was reported as it was able to absorb the impact of the landmine blast in which the naxalites used a very high quantity of explosives. The Government has however asked the Ordinance Factory, Medak to add some additional safety features to the MPVs such as seat belts for the passengers, smoothening of the edges, less number of hatces, availability of communication system between the rear and front positions so as to make them more safe and secure.

Allocation of funds for tackling Naxalism

†3137. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had allocated amount to each district during current year for making special arrangements in all the districts of the country affected by naxalism;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the average amount allocated to each district;

(c) whether this allocated amount has been spent till September; and

(d) if so, the percentage of this expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Security Related Expenditure Scheme (SRE) has been under implementation since 1996 to supplement the efforts of the States to deal with the naxalite problem effectively. The Scheme was revised comprehensively in February, 2005 thereby increasing the rate of reimbursement from 50% to 100% and also covering more districts and more items of reimbursement. The revised scheme also permits advance release of funds to the State. Under the revised scheme, 76 districts in nine States (Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal) are covered.

State-wise reimbursement and the advance releases made to these States during the current year are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

States	2005-06 (Reimbursement)	2005-06 (Advance Release)
Andhra Pradesh	601.85	300.00
Bihar	-	250.00
Madhya Pradesh	8.00	100.00
Maharashtra	-	200.00
Orissa	54.60	200.00
Chhattisgarh	200.14	500.00
Jharkhand	166.90	200.00
Uttar Pradesh	96.30	100.00
West Bengal	77.53	150.00
TOTAL:	1205.32	2000.00

(d) The Govt. regularly monitors the utilization of funds given to the naxal affected States under the SRE Scheme. The Revised Scheme is expected to enhance the level of utilization of funds.